

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for August 2006

Released October 2006



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

August 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 09/20/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	08/06	07/06	08/05
U.S.	4.6	5.0	4.9
INDIANA	5.2	5.5	5.3
FORT WAYNE MSA	5.0	5.5	5.0
EGR 3	5.4	6.2	5.5
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.2	4.9	4.6
Allen	5.1	5.5	5.1
DeKalb	5.9	7.3	6.2
Grant	7.9	8.4	8.5
Huntington	5.3	6.0	5.1
LaGrange	4.8	7.1	4.5
Noble	6.0	7.9	6.1
Steuben	6.2	7.2	5.6
Wabash	5.6	6.3	7.0
Wells	3.8	5.5	4.3
Whitley	4.9	5.8	4.8
CITY:			
Angola	7.1	7.5	6.0
Auburn	5.9	7.7	6.2
Bluffton	5.1	6.4	4.8
Columbia City	4.9	6.6	5.1
Decatur	5.3	6.2	5.8
Fort Wayne	5.5	5.9	5.4
Huntington	6.0	6.6	5.9
Indianapolis(Cons)	5.4	5.5	5.6
Kendallville	6.9	8.4	7.1
Marion	8.9	9.5	9.9
Wabash City	5.8	6.3	10.1
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.6	4.8	4.7
Gary	5.9	5.7	5.6
Evansville	4.7	5.0	5.1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – August 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette (7.9%)
2	Grant
22	Steuben
25	Noble
26	DeKalb
34	Wabash
43	Huntington
50	Allen
58	Whitley
59	LaGrange
74	Adams
87	Wells
92	Hamilton (3.1%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT August 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.6%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	6.7%
Ohio	5.4%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Overall, 27 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 37 states, up in 11 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The South and west registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions. The Midwest continued to report the highest jobless rate, 5.1 percent. Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate in August, 2.8 percent. Eight other states had rates below 3.5 percent. Michigan and Mississippi recorded the highest unemployment rates, 7.1 percent each. Alaska and South Carolina had the next highest rates, 6.5 percent each. In August, Arizona and Mississippi posted the largest unemployment rate declines from July. Alaska, New York, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Texas also recorded significant over the month rate decreases. West Virginia registered the only statistically significant over the month jobless rate in increase.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

FORT WAYNE MSA



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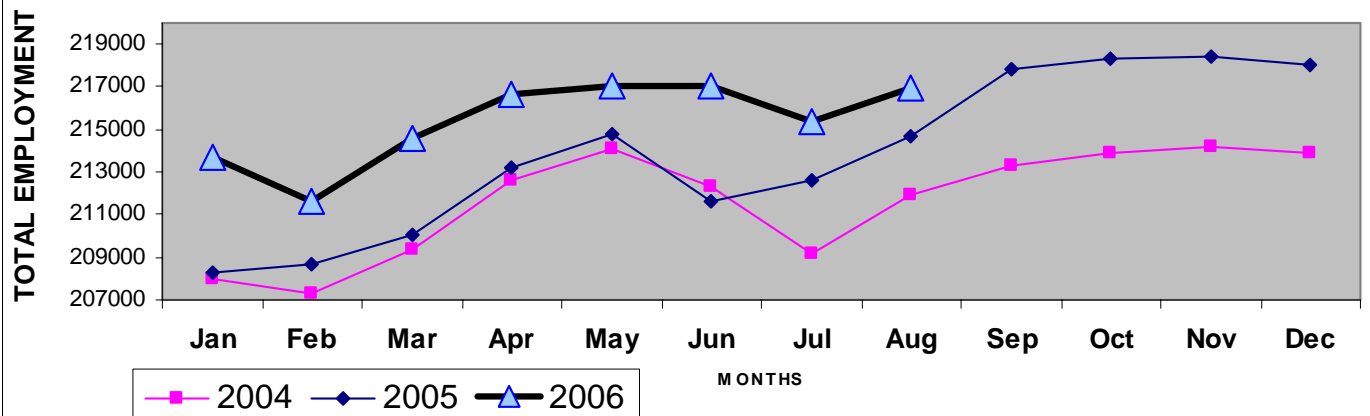
	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	AUGUST 2006	JULY 2006	AUGUST 2005	JULY 2006 TO AUG. 2006		AUG. 2005 TO AUG. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	216,900	215,400	214,700	+1,500	+0.7%	+2,200	+1.0%
Total Private	195,900	195,800	193,900	+100	+0.1%	+2,000	+1.0%
Goods Producing	49,500	49,300	49,500	+200	+0.4%	+0	+0.0%
Service-Providing	167,400	166,100	165,200	+1,300	+0.8%	+2,200	+1.3%
Private Srvc Provide	146,400	146,500	144,400	-100	-0.1%	+2,000	+1.4%
Nat. Res & Construction	12,600	12,700	12,100	-100	-0.8%	+500	+4.1%
Manufacturing	36,900	36,600	37,400	+300	+0.8%	-500	-1.3%
Durable Goods	28,400	28,000	28,600	+400	+1.4%	-200	-0.7%
Computer and Electronic	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	-2.3%	+100	+2.4%
Transportation Equipment	6,500	6,300	6,500	+200	+3.2%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	47,100	47,100	46,300	+0	+0.0%	+800	+1.7%
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,200	12,800	-100	-0.8%	+300	+2.3%
Retail Trade	23,100	23,100	23,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+0.4%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,900	10,800	10,500	+100	+0.9%	+400	+3.8%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,700	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.7%
Financial Activities	12,200	12,200	12,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	21,600	21,300	21,500	+300	+1.4%	+100	+0.5%
Educational and Health	33,100	33,400	32,100	-300	-0.9%	+1,000	+3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,500	20,500	20,400	+0	+0.0%	+100	+0.5%
Food Services and Drinking	16,800	16,700	17,000	+100	+0.6%	-200	-1.2%
Other Services	8,300	8,400	8,200	-100	-1.2%	+100	+1.2%
Government	21,000	19,600	20,800	+1,400	+7.1%	+200	+1.0%
Federal Government	2,300	2,200	2,200	+100	+4.5%	+100	+4.5%
State Government	4,100	4,300	3,900	-200	-4.7%	+200	+5.1%
Local Government	14,600	13,100	14,700	+1,500	+11.5%	-100	-0.7%
Local Govt Education	7,800	6,100	7,900	+1,700	+27.9%	-100	-1.3%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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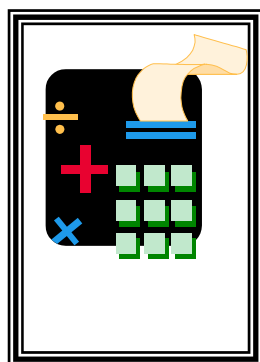
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUGUST 2006	JULY 2006	AUGUST 2005	AUGUST 2006	JULY 2006	AUGUST 2005	AUGUST 2006	JULY 2006	AUGUST 2005
Manufacturing	\$753.59	\$749.70	\$793.08	42.1	42.5	43.6	\$17.90	\$17.64	\$18.19
Retail Trade	\$268.73	\$307.38	\$313.79	26.9	28.7	28.5	\$9.99	\$10.71	\$11.01

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	August 2006	July 2006	Previous Month % Change	August 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	8,088	9,329	-13.3%	7,735	4.6%
Auburn	8,455	14,099	-40.0%	8,805	-4.0%
Connersville	2,136	2,229	-4.2%	2,084	2.5%
Fort Wayne	16,400	19,619	-16.4%	15,082	8.7%
Marion	5,770	6,590	-12.4%	5,460	5.7%
Muncie	8,770	11,175	-21.5%	9,335	-6.1%
Richmond	3,130	3,462	-9.6%	3,494	-10.4%
INDIANA	234,908	287,208	-18.2%	246,299	-4.6%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date September 24, 2006



POPULATION IN ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8 2000 – 2005

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	7,833
Production Laborers	6,263
All Other Machine Operators	4,099
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,596
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,064
All Other Hand Workers	2,681
Cashiers, General	2,380
General Office Clerks	2,186
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,172
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,030
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,695
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,644
Production Helpers	1,572
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,540
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,476
Administrative Assistants	1,413
File Clerks	1,412
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,397
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,379
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,375

	2000 CENSUS	2005 ESTIMATE
Adams	33,625	33,849
Allen	331,849	344,006
DeKalb	40,285	41,659
Grant	73,403	70,557
Huntington	38,075	38,236
LaGrange	34,909	36,875
Noble	46,275	47,448
Steuben	33,214	33,773
Wabash	34,960	33,843
Wells	27,600	28,085
Indiana	6,080,485	6,271,973

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates for July 1, 2005 and Census 2000.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

WAGE DEMAND

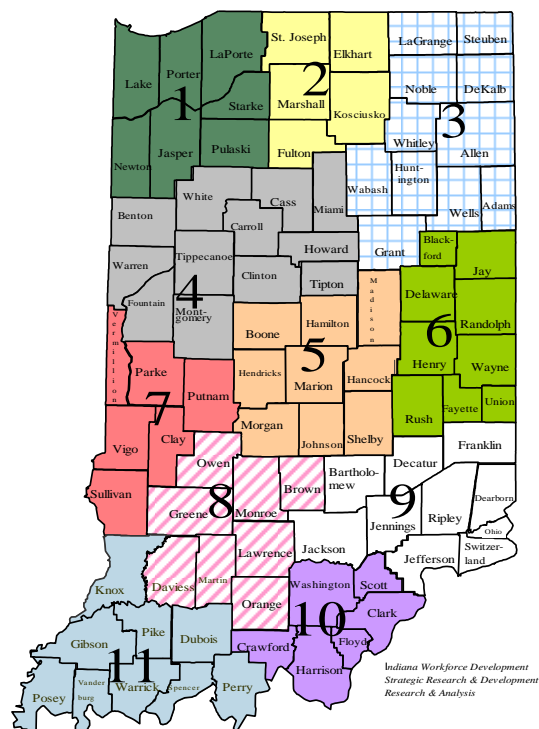
How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

Indiana Economic Growth Regions



WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Adams	\$23,076	\$20,800	528
Allen	\$23,465	\$20,800	9,014
DeKalb	\$21,312	\$20,800	1,571
Grant	\$19,654	\$18,720	3,873
Huntington	\$28,031	\$20,800	829
LaGrange	\$24,284	\$20,800	5
Noble	\$23,766	\$20,800	1,257
Steuben	\$24,141	\$20,800	911
Wabash	\$26,657	\$20,800	957
Wells	\$23,523	\$20,800	492
EGR 3	\$23,146	\$20,800	20,674
Indiana	\$24,965	\$20,800	149,373

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Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3				

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8				

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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